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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: ESTABLISHMENT OF UN WATCH STATION

REF: SINAI 1140

1. SIILASVUO'S "INTENTION" TO CONSTRUCT A WATCH STATION THAT "WOULD PERFORM FUNCTIONS SIMILAR TO THOSE PERFORMED BY SFM" IS MOST INTERESTING. CONFIDENTIAL

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- 2. WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW BY OPENING OF BUSINESS MAY 27 WHERE SIILASVUO PLANS TO BUILD THIS WATCH STATION AND WHAT ITS FUNCTION WILL BE. HAS THE PROJECT BEEN DISCUSSED WITH ANY LOCAL GOVERNMENTS? IF SO, WITH WHOM?
- 3. SINCE THE NATURE OF WATCH STATION OPERATIONS DEPENDS

ON THE KINDS AND QUANTITIES OF SENSOR EQUIPMENT TO BE EMPLOYED, DO YOU KNOW WHAT SIILASVUO HAS IN MIND? WE WOULD APPRECIATE AS MUCH INFORMATION AS YOU CAN PROVIDE ON THESE AND RELATED QUESTIONS.

4. WITH RESPECT TO MAJOR PITKANEN'S VISIT, WE CONCUR IN YOUR PROVIDING HIM WITH A FULL BRIEFING ON SFM INSTALLATIONS AND OPERATIONS AS YOU HAVE DONE IN THE PAST WITH

OTHER UN OFFICIALS. ASSUME THAT THIS MEETING WILL ELICIT FURTHER INFORMATION ON WHAT UN HAS IN MIND AND THAT WE WILL RECEIVE ASAP FULL REPORT BY CABLE.

3. FOR USUN: (REFTEL BEING REPEATED TO YOU.) PLEASE MAKE INQUIRY AT APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF UN SECRETARIAT FOR ANY INFORMATION IT MIGHT BE ABLE TO PROVIDE BY WAY OF BACKGROUND TO GENERAL SIILASVUO'S "INTENTION" TO ESTABLISH A WATCH STATION.

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